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GRIZZLIES WIN SEVENTH STRAIGHT  
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MISSOULA---

The Montana Grizzlies mounted a furious comeback to defeat the Athletes in Action Challengers, 88-87, Monday night in the Adams Fieldhouse. It was the seventh straight basketball victory for the Griz and pushed their overall record to 14-6. Montana is second in the Big Sky Conference at 6-2.

Michael Ray Richardson exploded in the second half for the second straight time in three days and canned 20 points in the frame for a game total of 30. The 6-5 All-America candidate was 13 of 24 from the field, 4 of 5 from the line, had 8 rebounds, 10 assists, 2 blocked shots and 4 steals.

Sophomore center John Stroeder scored a career high 21 points, shooting 77% from the field (10 of 13) and making 1 of 2 from the charity stripe. The 6-9½ redhead from Port Townsend, Wash. also picked off eight rebounds.

Game scoring honors went to Rocky Costa of the Challengers with 31 points. The Challengers shot 55.7% from the field and the Grizzlies had their best shooting night of the season, hitting 54.8% from the field.

Montana hosts Northern Arizona Friday night and Weber State, Saturday night, to resume conference play.

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